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Amendments to the Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the abstract at page 16 line 1, as follows: --ABSTRACT

A 1:1 redundancy is provided. An identical clone being assigned to each switching system that is to be protected as a redundant partner comprising identical hardware, software, and database. The transfer is done in a fast, secure, and automatic manner by a superimposed, real-time capable monitor which establishes communication to the switching systems that are arranged in pairs. The transfer to the redundant switching system is done with the aid of the network management and the central controllers of the two switching systems.--